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PATENT 18-29

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Chad C. Smutney et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/757,138  
Filed : January 9, 2001  
For : BLUNTABLE NEEDLE ASSEMBLY  
WITH OPEN-ENDED BLUNTING  
PROBE  
Examiner : Roz Ghafoorian

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to an Office Action mailed on July 22, 2003. A response is timely filed by October 22, 2003.

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